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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Carl Duckett



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SUBJECT:

Study on Procedures for the Destruction/  
Dismantling of Old Missile Launchers

As directed at last Wednesday's Verification Panel meeting, we need a paper which examines the destruction/dismantling issues underlying provisions which allow replacement of old SLBM launchers with new ones and allow freedom-to-mix from ICBM launchers to SLBM launchers. Specifically,

-- What are alternative procedures for the destruction and dismantling of the old ICBM and SLBM launchers? What are the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives?

-- What are alternative provisions for timing the destruction or dismantling of these old launchers relative to the construction of new SLBM launchers? What are alternative procedures for one country notifying the other about what old launchers any new SLBM construction will replace? What are the advantages and disadvantages?

The analysis should be able to draw heavily upon previous work done on these issues -- e. g., "Silo Relocation Study" (August 18, 1971) and "Destruction/Dismantling . . ." (November 12, 1970).

I would like CIA and ACDA to do a first draft of the study and to circulate it for comments by COB Thursday, March 23.

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